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UNSUMMARY

VANCOUVER FOR HABITAT DELEGATION

NAIROBI FOR MYERSON

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: USUN DAILY CLASSIFIED SUMMARY NO. 098

SECRETARY GENERAL'S TRIP TO DAMASCUS--

AFTER ISRAELI AMB HERZOG INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF ISRAEL'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO HIS MIDDLE EAST VISIT PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF UNDOF'S MANDATE, WALDHEIM SAID HE WAS DISTRESSED TO HEAR THAT VIEW, GAVE ASSURANCES HE WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS, AND POINTED OUT TIME LIMITATIONS (LEAVING NEW YORK FOR DAMASCUS MAY 25 AND RETURNING MAY 27; SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR HABITAT CONFERENCE MAY 30), ACCORDING TO ISRAELIS. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2231)

TURSTEESHIP COUNCIL--

KOVALENKO (USSR), WHEN CONSULTED BY THE BRITISH, SAW THAT THE US MIGHT BE HESITANT TO ASSUME THE TC PRESIDENCY. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD WANT TO BE TC PREISDENT (THUS FAR THEY HAVE NEVER CHOSEN TO SERVE AS EITHER PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT), RECOGNIZED DISADVANTAGE OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON TC AGENDA BUT WAS NERVOUS ABOUT DENYING GA ANY ROLE IN TC CONSIDERATION, AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. CHOU NAN (CHINA) TOLD BRITISH HE WAS NOT SURE ANY PRC COMMENT ON AGENDA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2232)

ROLE AND PREROGATIVES OF SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS--

US, UK AND FRENCH MISSION OFFICERS HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF PRESERVATION OF PREOGATIVE OF PERMANENT SC
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MEMBERS TO SERVE ON VIRTUALLY ALL UN BODIES, AND CONSIDERED WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO MINIMIZE CHANCES OF RECURRENCE OF FAILURE OF PERMANENT MEMBER (FRANCE) TO BE ELECTED. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2235)

COMING INTO FORCE OF APARTHEID CONVENTION--

DALTON (UK) SAID HMG IS CONCERNED THAT WHEN INTERNATIONAL

CONVENTION ON SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIME OF APARTHEID COMES INTO FORCE IN NEAR FUTURE WESTERN BUSINESSMEN MIGHT BE AT RISK OF ARREST AND TRIAL UNDER CONVENTION FOR ACTIONS WHICH WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT REGARD AS CRIMES. HE COMMENTED THAT UK HAD ALERTED EC-9, AND HE ASKED WHETHER USG IS MAKING ANY CONTINGENCY PLANS. HMG TENTATIVELY IS THINKING OF ALERTING UK EMBASSIES IN STATES PARTIES TO CONVENTION TO BE ON WATCH FOR ANY DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION IN ORDER TO WARN HMG AS SOON AS SUCH ACTION TAKES PLACE AND, AMONG OTHER MEASURES, WARNING UK NATIONALS OF RISKS ENCOUNTERED IN TRAVEL TO ANR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ENACTED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2245)

NAMIBIA AND BRAZIL--

BRAZILIAN MINISTER BUENO DISCLOSED THAT NAMIBIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVE RIRUAKO CLAIMED THAT WHEN HE VISITED USUN SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM THAT BRAZIL MIGHT WISH TO ENGAGE HERSELF MILITARILY IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA WHICH MIGHT ARISE FROM CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, THAT THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT BRAZILIAN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COUNTER BALANCE TO CUBAN MENACE, AND THAT IT WOULD BE WISE FOR CHIEF KAPUWO TO CALL ON BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT. US MISSION OFFICER TOLD BUENO THAT RIRUAKO'S STATEMENT WAS BLATANT LIE, EVEN WORD "BRAZIL" HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED, AND HE WOULD SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH RIRUAKO. WHEN MISOFF LATER TELEPHONED RIRUAKO, LATTER APOLOGIZED PROFUSELY, ADMITTED HE NEVER DISCUSSED MATTER AT USUN, FEIGNED HE MENTIONED SUBJECT "IN WASHINGTON", AND AGREED TO APOLOGIZE TO BUENO. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2234)

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COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC)--

DURING WEEK OF MAY 17-21, CPC REVIEWED FOLLOWING 10 PROGRAMS UNDER UN MEDIUM-TERM PLAN: STATISTICS, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, FOOD

AND AGRICULTURE, POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT, OCEAN ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL. ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM WAS RATHER SEVERELY CRITICIZED AND DEFERRED PENDING ARRIVAL OF UNEP REPRESENTATIVE FROM NAIROBI TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. NO MAJOR SURPRISES HAVE ARISEN, AND THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN

MORE THOROUGH THAN EVER BEFORE, WHICH IS CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT AS A RESULT HAS FALLEN BEHIND IN ITS SCHEDULE. (USUN 2236)

WEEK OF SOLIDARITY--

AT MAY 19 SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF 24 IN OBSERVANCE
OF WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH COLONIAL PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA,
SPEAKERS REPRESENTING VARIOUS UN COMMITTEES AND GEOGRAPHIC
GROUPS SPOKE IN MODERATE AND FAMILIAR TERMS ABOUT SITUATION IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, WITH EXCEPTION OF OAU EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OUATTARA, WHO MADE POINTED REMARKS ABOUT RECENT
WESTERN POLICY STATEMENTS, AND NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN, WHO CALLED
FOR COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM INJECTING COLD WAR TACTICS
INTO AFRICA. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY MOST UN MISSIONS
AT WORKING LEVEL, AND, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN REMARKS BY HARRIMAN AND
OUATTARA AND BRIEF MENTIONS OF ZIONISM AND PALESTINE BY ARAB
LEAGUE OBSERVER HILMY, FOCUSED ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. (USUN 2230)

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